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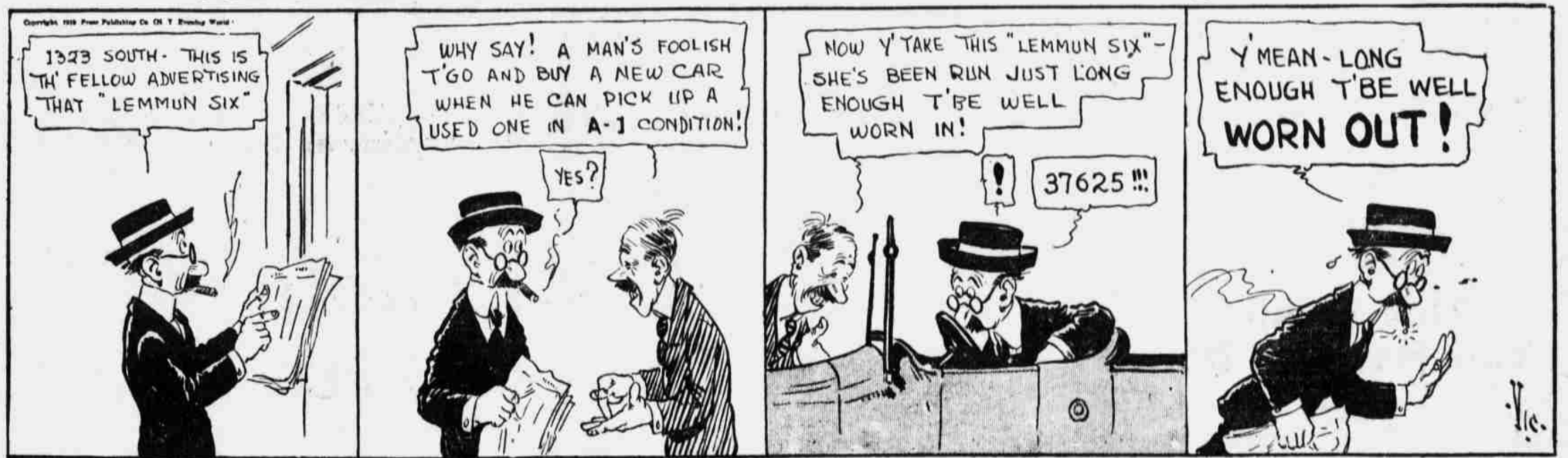
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DOROTHY DIX'S TALK

BY DOROTHY DIX,
The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.

NO. 1 AND NO. 2 WIVES.

A woman writes me that a widower has asked her to marry him. The man is highly eligible from a worldly point of view, and she is a very attractive woman. But she is a widow, and she knows that he is a cold and neglectful man, and she wants to know what sort of a matrimonial risk it is to marry him. This is a question that nobody can answer for the way of a man with a maid, which Holy Writ declares to be one of the most insoluble riddles now on earth. It is as nothing compared with the mystery of the way of a husband with his wife.

In ordinary affairs it is a safe rule to judge a man by his past performance, and to conclude that he who has been good in his previous dealings will go on being good in his future transactions. That faithful James will remain faithful James, and Ananias will still be Ananias to the end of the chapter.

This rule, however, does not apply to a man's conduct toward his wife, and because a man has been a bad husband to one wife is no sign that he will be a good husband to another one. Indeed, sometimes it seems that quite the reverse of this is true, and all of us point to numerous cases in our own knowledge, of men who were brutal to their first wives and angels to their second wives.

It is a matter of common observation that the second wife spends what the first wife saved, and that men are almost invariably much more indulgent to their second wives than they were to their first, and treat them with far greater tenderness and consideration.

All of us have seen men who had been stingy with their first wives, and who were lavish with their second wives. We have seen men who broke their first wives' hearts by their philandering, and who then turned around and became as domestic as the house cat when they got married again. We have seen a man who was a cold and neglectful husband to his first wife, and who then turned around and became as affectionate upon them as a dog to his master when he married his second wife. It is a case of you never can tell whether a man's attitude toward his first wife is a warning or a guarantee of how he will act in his second matrimonial venture.

There are a good many reasons why a man is likely to treat his second wife better than he did his first. One is the fact that the second wife is usually a woman who is more intelligent and more capable than the first. Another reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more attractive and more charming than the first. A third reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more understanding and more forgiving than the first. A fourth reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more patient and more tolerant than the first. A fifth reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more kind and more loving than the first. A sixth reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more generous and more giving than the first. A seventh reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more cheerful and more optimistic than the first. An eighth reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more confident and more assertive than the first. A ninth reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more independent and more self-reliant than the first. A tenth reason is that the second wife is usually a woman who is more intelligent and more capable than the first.

There are thousands of men who never realized how cruel they have been to their wives until they looked at their dead faces and knew that they could never unsee the bitter words they had flashed out in moments of irritation; that nothing they could do could ever bring a smile to those still lips again; that it was forever too late to put into those folded hands the little gifts for which they had so longed.

It is above many a coffined form that a man swears that if he ever takes another woman into his life, he will keep her as he cherishes it, and be more faithful to her than he was to the first one, and it is the result of this repentance that wife No. 2 cashes in.

Another reason why a man is likely to treat his second wife better than he did his first is because he brings his second marriage to the altar with the knowledge of women and matrimony that he gained in his first experience.

First wives are like first children. They, poor things have to bear the brunt of all of a man's theories about the duties of wives, and the exalted position of a husband in a household, and so on. By the time a man has killed one wife with his experiments he has found out that marriage is not a theory but a condition, and most of all, it is a series of compromises, and he does not quarrel with wife No. 2 as he did with wife No. 1 because she isn't a miracle worker who can get up a good dinner on thin air. It takes years of time, and first-hand knowledge, to learn how to be just to his wife about money, and that the way to manage her is by jolting her. Then, only, is he really fit to be a husband. The accomplishment generally comes too late to be of any service to the first wife, but it's a God-send to the second.

This, also, is to be said: that the way in which a man treats his wife depends largely upon the woman herself, so it is not always fair to assume that because a man has been a bad husband to one woman he will be a bad husband to another. There are

women who bring out all that is worst in a man's disposition as a hot poultice brings out the measles, and there are other women who call forth all that is finest and most chivalrous in a man's nature.

There are tactless women who take the time when a man is hungry, cross and worried to ask favors of him and tell him that they have bought a \$40 hat. There are other women who wait until the psychological moment when a man is fed, and soothed, and comforted, to tap his pocketbook, and get whatever they want. There are women who make bullies of their husbands by being domineering before them, and there are other women who stand up and fight for their rights, and make their husbands respect them.

So there you are, and when a woman tries to dope out how she will be treated as a No. 2 wife she must take her own temperament into consideration as well as the man's.

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LITHUANIA'S POET.

Russia's downfall has uncovered another great poet, a poet of Shakespearean dimensions. Christian Donelaitis, the great Lithuanian singer of the eighteenth century, known only to the German poets, Goethe, Heine and Herder, who translated him into German, has been suddenly revealed as a figure to be added to the five great poets of the world. Lithuania's plea for independence has focused attention on this poet whose work is inspirational in quality.

Donelaitis was not a popular poet. He was a radical. His fame grew after his death. Most important of all his works is the hexameter poem, "The Four Seasons," which, like all other Lithuanian poems, is symbolic. In Lithuania, even the ordinary speech of the peasant is charged with symbolism and hyperbolic turns. A Lithuanian speaks about trees, lakes, forests, flowers, the sky, the sun, the moon and the planets, but what he really wants to speak about, his joys and sorrows, his love and his hatreds, he can do so only by hints.

YE TOWNE GOSSIP
(REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.)
BY K.C.B.

I'VE ENVIED him.
BECAUSE FOR YEARS.
HE HAS lived outdoors.
NEARLY ALL the time.
AND IT hasn't been necessary.
THAT HE should dress up.
AND THE robins come.
AND THE little wrens come.
AND THE orioles come.
AND BUILD their nests.
WHERE HE may look.
AND HE fills the ground.
AND FLOWERS come.
AND GOOD green things.
FOR HIS inner wants.
AND HE knows the stars.
AND HE knows the moon.
AND THE morning sun.
WHEN IT first comes up.

AND THE season's winds.
AND CAN lift his eyes.
TO THE light of the stars.
AND THE light of the moon.
AND SO he has lived.
AND SO he still lives.
AND I found him there.
AND WE came to be friends.
AND HE took me in.
AND SHOWED me the joy.
OF THE life he leads.
AND I envied him.
UNTIL THAT day.
NOT A week ago.
WHEN THE message came.
FROM ACROSS the sea.
THAT HAWKER was safe.
AND I cried it aloud.
ALL ALONG the way.
FROM THE village store.
WHERE IT came by phone.
AND I took it to him.
AND SHOUTED it out.
AND HE didn't care.
FOR HE didn't know.
AND HE hadn't read.
OF THE Hawker flight.
AND MAYBE he's right.
BUT ALONG with the stars.

HOROSCOPE

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 1919.
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Neptune and Mars are strongly for good today according to astrology. Saturn is mildly adverse.

This is an unusually auspicious day for starting on journeys, especially if they are on the water. The signs are read as indicating meetings with friends and much pleasure.

Military and naval affairs are both favorably affected during this configuration, which makes for harmony and unity of purpose.

Engineers and all who do constructive work are subject to the most stimulating influences. They should benefit greatly in the next few months.

This should be a fortunate way for psychic investigations and the seers declare that scientists will turn attention to this field of exploration during the next year.

The exploitation of certain classes of food or the preaching of diet systems are unpropitious.

Neptune, the planet that is believed to impart vision, gives promise of new ventures in the business in which government and people co-operate along novel lines.

War, which the seers declared might be forever ended, still will vex the children of men, they now announce, and give warning of dangers far removed from foreign battlefields.

The making of many books on ephemeral subjects will precede a great literary revival, it is prophesied.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the outlook for a happy and successful year. Changes that will be advantageous are forecast. The young will court and marry.

Children born on this day probably will be exceedingly vital and energetic. These subjects of Gemini generally meet with success in business. As they usually have two lines of talents their versatility aids rather than hinders progress.

CALAMITY YEAR.

Kansas is about to begin the wheat harvest with an indicated crop of 218,500,000 bushels, which at \$2.26 a bushel, will mean an income of \$494,110,000 for the farmers. However, as eminent agricultural statisticians have proved to their own satisfaction that the wheat growers lose money on every bushel of wheat they grow, we may expect Kansas to call 1919 a calamity year.